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**Environment Department to Work with Santa Fe Businesses on Pollution
Prevention to Improve their Bottom Line**

(Santa Fe, NM) – New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Secretary Ron Curry and Deputy Secretary Derrith Watchman-Moore will partner with the Santa Fe Kiwanis Club to host a Pollution Prevention presentation for small businesses.

The presentation will be held in **Santa Fe on October 25, 2005, from noon to 1:00 p.m., at the Hotel St. Francis, 210 Don Gaspar Avenue.**

The presentation will showcase NMED's Pollution Prevention (P2) Program and explain how businesses can improve their budget and the environment by reducing waste and implementing a pollution prevention program. The event is open and free to the public.

"Any type of waste is a drag on profits," Secretary Curry said. "I hope that businesses will be able to join us for this presentation to learn how to protect the environment and improve their bottom line."

NMED is committed to assisting small businesses through its P2 Program, designed to serve New Mexico businesses, local governments and state agencies to help in the reduction and elimination of pollution and waste at the source. The P2 Program also offers workshops and free site assessments. For more information on the program visit http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/P2_Web.

Please RSVP to Darlene Muniz at (505) 424-1851. Businesses with questions regarding NMED's Pollution Prevention Program may contact Michelle Vattano at (505) 827-0677 or michelle.vattano@state.nm.us. For press inquiries, contact Adam Rankin, NMED Communications Director at (505) 827-0314.

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